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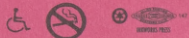
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Two-Month Calendar See back for October



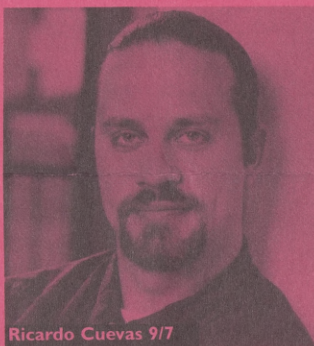
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La Peña Calendar of Events • September • 2006

(OCTOBER 06 ON THE BACK)



Rico & Panama 9/1



Ricardo Cuevas 9/7



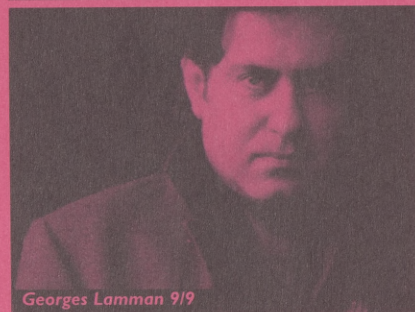
Inés Villafañe-León 9/8



Julia Ahumada Grob 9/8



Duamuxa 9/7



Georges Lamman 9/9



Peter Apfelbaum 9/17



Toshi Reagon 9/22



Martha Toledo 9/27



Los Boleros 9/23

SUNDAY

3 DOMINGO DE RUMBA 3:30PM

Cafe open from 9am-9:30pm
No Evening Program scheduled
Visit our website for programs added after the calendar has gone to print.
New Free Classes
@ La Peña! Mexican music, live hip hop, popular theater, ensemble. Check our web site, lapena.org, for a full list of new & continuing classes

10 BENEFIT CONCERT

Quijeremá invites you to a benefit concert for legendary singer **Rafael Manriquez** who has been having health problems and needs our support. Come & support an artist that gives his best. Quijeremá is a quartet that celebrates the cultures of the Americas through original music, poetry & multi-media art installations. With Quique Cruz, Jeremy Allen, Maria Fernanda Acuña, David Barrows, John Calloway. Guest artist: Rafael Manriquez. 7:30pm \$12 adv. \$15 & up dr.

17 CONCERT

Peter Apfelbaum, The New York Hieroglyphics & Abdoulaye Diabate
The NY Hieroglyphics (including 5 original members!) & Malian singer Abdoulaye Diabate spotlight pieces from their new CD. Apfelbaum founded the Hieroglyphics during his senior year at Berkeley High in 1977. One of Mali's foremost singers, Diabate is renowned for fusing Malian traditions with jazz. 2 shows: 8pm & 10pm \$18 adv. \$20 dr.

24 GRITO DE LARES

Annual Grito de Lares Celebration presented by Bay Area Boricuas, Inc. Featuring keynote speakers **Carmen Valentin**, former Puerto Rican political prisoner, in California for the first time since her release from Dublin Federal Prison in 1999, and **Zulma Oliveras**, Puerto Rican activist. Also featuring spoken word by **Aya De Leon** and music by **Rico Pabon**, and live bomba y plena by **Cacique y Kongo**. 4-7:30pm \$10-\$15 sliding scale

WEDNESDAY

6 ACOUSTIC GUITAR CONCERT

Sean Smith, Matt Baldwin, & Adam Snider, three finest acoustic guitarists celebrate their release, "Berkeley Guitar", out Aug. 29th on Tompkins Square Records. Following in the rich tradition of guitar music from Berkeley beginning with Takoma Records artists John Fahey, Leo Kottke, and Robbie Basho in the '60s. These young men express their unique voices on the instrument and the state of mind of artistic Berkeley. 7:30pm \$8*

13 BENEFIT

Maafa 2006: Hurricane Katrina Update Fundraiser
"Words Upon the Waters: A Poetic Response" by Bay Area Artists, recently released, features poets from last year's and this summer benefits. Words Upon the Waters poets and others will read. All proceeds from book sales go to Living Independence for Everyone, or LIFE, Mississippi, the Biloxi site. 7pm \$5-\$20 sliding scale (no one turned away)*

20 LATINO FILM FESTIVAL

Palermo Hollywood: A Tale from Buenos Aires
(Dir: Eduardo Pinto, '04, Argentina, 113 min. Spanish w/ Eng. subtitles). Palermo Hollywood is a riveting & high-speed tale about two petty crooks who are unlikely best friends from the opposite ends of the class spectrum. In the aftermath of Argentina's financial crises, Pablo (Matias Desiderio) & Mario (Brian Maya) hustle by dope dealing & running jobs for gangsters in Buenos Aires. 7pm \$6

27 CONCERT/FILM

El Encuentro del Canto Popular & Intrépidas Productions present **¡Celebrate Oaxaca!**
Featuring **Arwen Castellanos & Jorge Liceaga** (Cascada de Flores). Also **Martha Toledo**, guest vocalist from Oaxaca, (seen in the film *Blossoms of Fire/Ramo de Fuego*) accompanied by José Roberto Hernández. Plus the premiere of the 22-minute film short, *Sketches of Juchitan*, 1992 by Blossoms of Fire director Maureen Gosling. 7:30pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.

THURSDAY

7 LA NUEVA CANCIÓN

Duamuxa & Ricardo Cuevas
Duamuxa brings its electro-acoustic sounds and original twist on traditional songs and their own compositions. Also sharing the stage, singer and composer **Ricardo Cuevas**, originally from Chile and now residing in New York City. 8pm \$10

14 CONCERT/DANCE

Upground
On tour from Los Angeles
A fresh new musical blend of Latin reggae, ska, cumbia and funk - which they define as **Latin Ska**. A variation of many sounds sure to appeal to all. Danceable, skankable, and highly enjoyable. Wonderful combinations that will make you move and leave you wanting more! 8pm \$7 / \$5 (students w/ID)

21 FLAMENCO FILM

The Bay Area Flamenco Partnership presents scenes from the historic **Rito y Geografía del Cante** series made by Spanish Television in the early 1970s. Subtitled. 7pm \$10
www.laninaflamenco.com

28 RADIO ZAPATISTA RETURNS FROM CHIAPAS

Report from Mexico on Atenco, the Elections & the Other Campaign, slides & video. Benefit for Health Care in Autonomous Zapatista Communities. Sponsored by the Chiapas Support Committee. Call 510-654-9587 for more info. 7:30pm \$5-\$10 sliding scale*

FRIDAY

1 HIP HOP

Pa to the Bay Presents an evening of reggae, dancehall and Hip Hop with **Los Rakas- Panama and Rico Jennifer Johns Youth Movement Records** DJ Treat U Nice
Pre-Party for the Panabay Twist Mixtape CD Release Party
Doors at 9pm
\$7 before 10pm
\$12 after 10pm

8 MUJERES CREATIVAS

Their(R)evolution
Two outstanding & creative Chilean women: Author & poet **Inés Villafañe-León** will read from her works *Viento del Sur-South Wind* & *Un Cuento Para Cada Estación-A Story for All Seasons*. **Julia Ahumada Grob** will perform her acclaimed solo performance *He(R)volution*. A show about activism, womanhood, spirituality, & fate as the young woman, playwright, comes to understand her identity. 8pm \$10

15 CONCERT

Celebremos el Día de la Independencia Mexicana with Los Utrera
from Veracruz, Méjico
Los Utrera, one of the best son jarocho groups from Veracruz, Mexico, is a family of musicians and dancers who take their inspiration from the fandango, a community celebration of this vibrant and uplifting art form. 8pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.

22 CONCERT

Toshi Reagon
Toshi Reagon is a throw back to classic R&B artist like Stevie Wonder or Prince, or old school rock groups like Led Zeppelin; she can take any style, update it and make it her own with incredible ease. Toshi is an artist know for her energetic performances and an exemplary gift for writing engaging songs that provoke listeners to think and have fun at the same time. 8pm \$15

29 CONCERT

Singer/songwriter, **Jon Fromer** shares the bill with musical activist, **Francisco Herrera** and spoken word artists, the **Molotov Mouths**. The concert benefits the Western Workers Labor Heritage Festival which is held on Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend and connects workers' rights with civil and human rights through culture. 8pm \$10-\$25 (sliding scale donation)

SATURDAY

2 Lite the Mic Entertainment

1st Annual Bay Area Competition Showcasing local Hip-Hop, R&B talent
This competition is an opportunity for struggling/underground artists to exhibit His/Her skills along with an incentive. So come "support the yay!"
8pm-12am Doors @ 7:30pm \$10
Before 9pm / \$12 After 9pm
18 & Over
(Zero Drama Tolerance)

9 CONCERT

Dreaming The Diaspora: Songs of Love; Songs for Dance; Songs to Heal. CD Release with **Georges Lammam and His Ensemble**. A tapestry weaving the past & the present, the old and the new, the Arabs & their friends from across nations and beyond flags. An evening celebrating activism and art, community service and cultural pride. An evening presented by the Arab Cultural and Community Center, the largest organization dedicated to the Arab community in the Bay Area. 8pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.

16 FONDA CHILENA IN CAFE

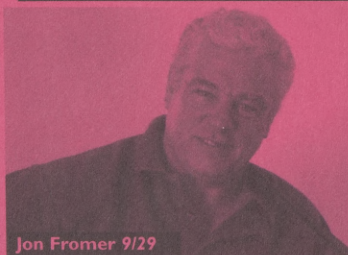
Araucaria
TRADITIONAL CHILEAN MUSIC & DANCE
Celebrando el día de la Independencia chilena, el grupo de danzas folklóricas **Araucaria**, presenta un recorrido por las distintas regiones de Chile, su danza y su folklor. Desde la áridas tierras norteañas hasta el lluvioso sur, Araucaria presentará una muestra representativa de su variado repertorio. Un solo show/One show only 8:30pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr.*

23 DANCE/BAILE

Los Boleros
Performs traditional *son montuno*, *son cubano*, *boleros*, *cumbia*, and *merengue*. Reviving old classics like *Dos Gardenias*, *Cuarto de Tula*, and *Bésame Mucho*, talented singers are backed up by the Afro-Cuban beats of *tumbao* & *bolero*. Congas, bongos, clave & güiro, passionate solos by flute, hot tres cubano, sultry saxophone, and up-right bass will get you hooked to the sound of Los Boleros. 9:30pm \$12

30 FILM

Marianne Teleki's film Special Circumstances
is the story of **Héctor Salgado**, a former political prisoner who returned to his native Chile, camera in hand, to confront the military officials responsible for the torture, imprisonment, and deaths in the city of Tomé during the 1973 coup. Q&A with filmmakers will follow. 8pm \$8 adv. \$10 dr.



Jon Fromer 9/29



Los Utrera 9/15



Quijerema 9/10



Upground 9/14



Araucaria 9/16

EXPOSICIONES / LA PEÑA EXHIBITS SEPT. - OCT. '06

Cafe & Lobby from Sept. 2 - Oct. 29:
Los Angeles based Chicana artist, **Cyndi Hidalgo-Knies** will be displaying and selling her artwork. A true folk artist, Hidalgo-Knies is best known for her paintings & murals that are rich with cultural symbolism & personal allegory. Hidalgo-Knies is largely self-taught, and began her professional career as a teenager. Her website: www.artsychica.com



Theater: Le Conte Mural Art Project. An exhibition about the process of collaboration to produce a mural for Berkeley's Le Conte Elementary School in 2006. Organized by Eduardo Diaz, Visual Artist.



Cafe Valparaíso's Chilean Independence Day Celebrations
September 16, 17, & 18. Music, dance, & traditional Chilean Food. For more information call (510)841-3800.

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SEE SEPTEMBER 06 ON THE BACK



José Francisco Barroso 10/7

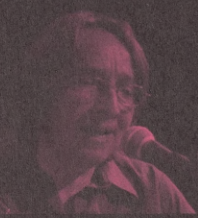
AMIGUITOS DE LA PEÑA: THE FAMOUS EARLY MORNING CHILDREN'S SERIES BEGINS ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON! 10:30AM \$4 ADULTS \$3 KIDS



Sat. Oct. 7: Gerry Tenny performs silly songs for children and for adults who are young at heart.



Sat. Oct. 14: Gary Lapow. Come sing & laugh along with Berkeley's hilarious & inspiring children's music star.



Sat. Oct. 21: Rafael Manríquez celebrates the release of Alma de Niño, a recording of children's songs in Spanish. (Also see Sept. 10)



Sat. Oct. 28: Betsy Rose celebrates the release of her new CD *Calm Down Boogie*, with a special Halloween program of songs & activities.



Jackie Rago 10/8



Aquiles Baez 10/8



Bill Santiago 10/12



Flametal 10/28



Cascada de Flores 10/21

New Free Classes @ La Peña!

Mexican Music, Popular Theater, Live Hip Hop Ensemble check our web site for a full list of new and continuing classes www.lapena.org

SUNDAY

1 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM

Theatre Work-in-Progress **Pagbabalik**
Theatre fusing spoken word, modern dance, & live indigenous Filipino & folk/jazz music for a journey into history, language & memory. Written, directed & performed by Aimee Suzara. Cast: queer pinay Geene Gonzales, Aimee Espiritu, Jen Soriano (Diskarte Namin), Ron Quesada, Juan Calaf, Frances Sedayao (Purple Moon Dance Project) & Lisa Juachon (Mutya Project). Supported in part by the Zellerbach Family Fdn.
7pm \$10-\$20 sliding scale

8 CONCERT/DANCE

Venezuelan Music Project directed by Jackie Rago with Aquiles Baez & Gonzalo Teppa

Venezuelan master guitarist Aquiles Baez and master bass player Gonzalo Teppa join VMP for a night of great "Venezuelan Sounds" playing Venezuelan's dance favorites such as calipso from el callao, tamboreras, parranda central, tambores de la costa and more.

6pm \$12 adv. \$15 dr.

15 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM

Ecology International Silent Auction Fundraiser

6:30pm Free Admission

For more info: ecologyproject.org (406) 721-8784

22 BENEFIT

Silent/Live Auction A Benefit For Writer Chiori Santiago

Enjoy diverse live music, savor delicious appetizers and bid for unique prizes, while helping beloved Bay Area writer Chiori Santiago cover her medical expenses. For more information go to <http://home.earthlink.net/~chiori.news/id.html>.
5-8:30pm \$10-\$20 sliding scale*

29 STAGED READING

Represental Work-in-Progress

Bilingual Hip-Hop theater written & performed by Paul S. Flores & Julio Cardenas and directed by Danny Hoch. Chicano spoken word poet Flores & Cuban rapper Cardenas meet in Cuba under all the stereotypes and anxieties that exist between Americans and Cubans, but their friendship becomes a political issue when Julio defects while on tour in New York City. **Represental** will debut at La Peña in May 2007 as part of the SFIAP 07.

6pm \$5-\$10 Sliding scale

WEDNESDAY

4 CONCERT

Join the Youth Media Council and our campaign partners as we celebrate the

Unplug Clear Channel Campaign. The party starts with local mc's battling the mic, some of the bay area's hottest talent featuring theatre group **Headrush**, and on the one's and two's **DJ Sake 1**. The fight for a just media, just can't wait

Drs open @ 7pm \$3-\$5 nobody turned away for lack of funds

11 KIRA ALLEN'S CAFE POETRY

Vagabond Opera, from Portland, OR, delivers passionate offerings of Bohemian Cabaret, Arabic Bellydance, Ukrainian punk ballads & neo-Klezmer, played with skill, theatrical exuberance and a gritty vagabond edge. They are joined by Brass Menazeri, the Bay Area's premier Romani ("Gypsy") Balkan Brass band, performing hard driving music of Serbia, Macedonia & Greece. Raise your glass and dance!

8pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr.

18 LATINO FILM FESTIVAL

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CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR FILM DETAILS AND FOR LATEST PROGRAMMING
WWW.LAPENA.ORG

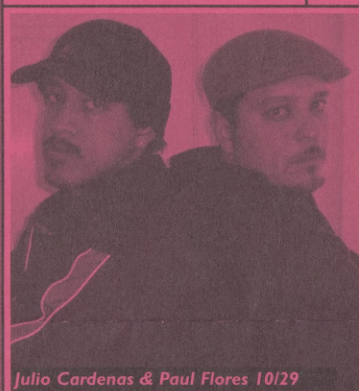
CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO,
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25 FREE FILM SCREENING

Toxic Bust

A new film by Megan Siler that explores the relationship between breast cancer and chemical exposure. The film includes breast cancer stories of breast cancer survivors and activists from three cancer hot spots including the SF Bay Area. Q & A afterward with the filmmaker. Sponsored by the Women's Cancer Resource Center.

7pm FREE



Julio Cardenas & Paul Flores 10/29

THURSDAY

5 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN CHECK WWW.LAPENA.ORG

Writer/performer **Aya de Leon**



teams up with **GenerationFive**, an activist organization dedicated to ending child sexual abuse in five generations. Aya will read from several works in progress and **GenerationFive** will also share their bold vision of healing and transformation.

Friday, Oct. 6, 8pm \$12

12 COMEDY

Comedian **Bill Santiago's Brainstorming**

Bill works up his next *Comedy Central* special.

8pm \$12 / \$10 (seniors and students w/ID)

19 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN CHECK WWW.LAPENA.ORG

Ojalá & Melanie de More



Melanie's voice weaves the fibers of African American folk music with soulful ballads, spirituals, & originals songs. Led by Carolyn Brandy, **OJALÁ** features Regina Wells, Elouise Burrell, Sue Matthews, Nia Nonzamo, Annette

Acosta & Ava Miller. They perform Afro-Cuban folkloric music, & infectious funky rhythms.

Friday, Oct. 20.
8pm \$15 adv. \$17 dr.

26 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN CHECK WWW.LAPENA.ORG

Direct from New York: **We Got Issues**



Thursday, Oct. 27. From a battered wife, to a lesbian Bush lover, to a young prostitute who wants to study poetry, **We Got Issues** presents today's most pressing issues as compiled by over 1,000 illuminating conversations with young women of this generation.

8pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr.

FRIDAY

6 SPOKEN WORD

SATURDAY

7 ASHEBA 10:30AM

Dance Performance *Oju Eegun*
Face of the Ancestors

José Francisco Barroso & Obakoso

with Special Guests. Celebrate the life and journey of the ancestors with an evening of Afro-Cuban ritual, music, song, and dance.

8pm \$15adv. \$18dr.

14 GARY LAPOW 10:30AM

FUGA!

Originally from El Paso/Juarez, **Fuga** performs music that reflects a mixture from vallenato, ska, rock, cumbia and Caribbean rhythms. Their dedication to social and political issues permeates their lyrics.

9pm \$10 \$7 students w/ID

20 CONCERT

21 Rafael 10:30AM

Concierto/Concert Quartet **Cascada de Flores**

Son and song of Mexico and Cuba with a hypnotic vocal duet, guitars, tres cubano, "guitarjón", flute, marimbol, guitarra de son, jarana veracruzana, footwork, quijada de burro, and cajón.

8pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.

28 Betsy Rose 10:30AM

Flamenco Halloween

The Bay Area Flamenco Partnership presents A bone-chilling night with **FLAMETAL**

Benjamin Woods' wicked brew, mixing Flamenco & Metal. Celebrate the upcoming Day of the Dead with this world-class band of shredders and the evil and seductive dancers, La Fanny & Melissa Cruz

8:30pm \$15

www.laninaflamenco.com www.flametal.com

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- ☐ \$35 Compañero/Compañera – You invest in La Peña and receive the calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only \$3 per month)
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